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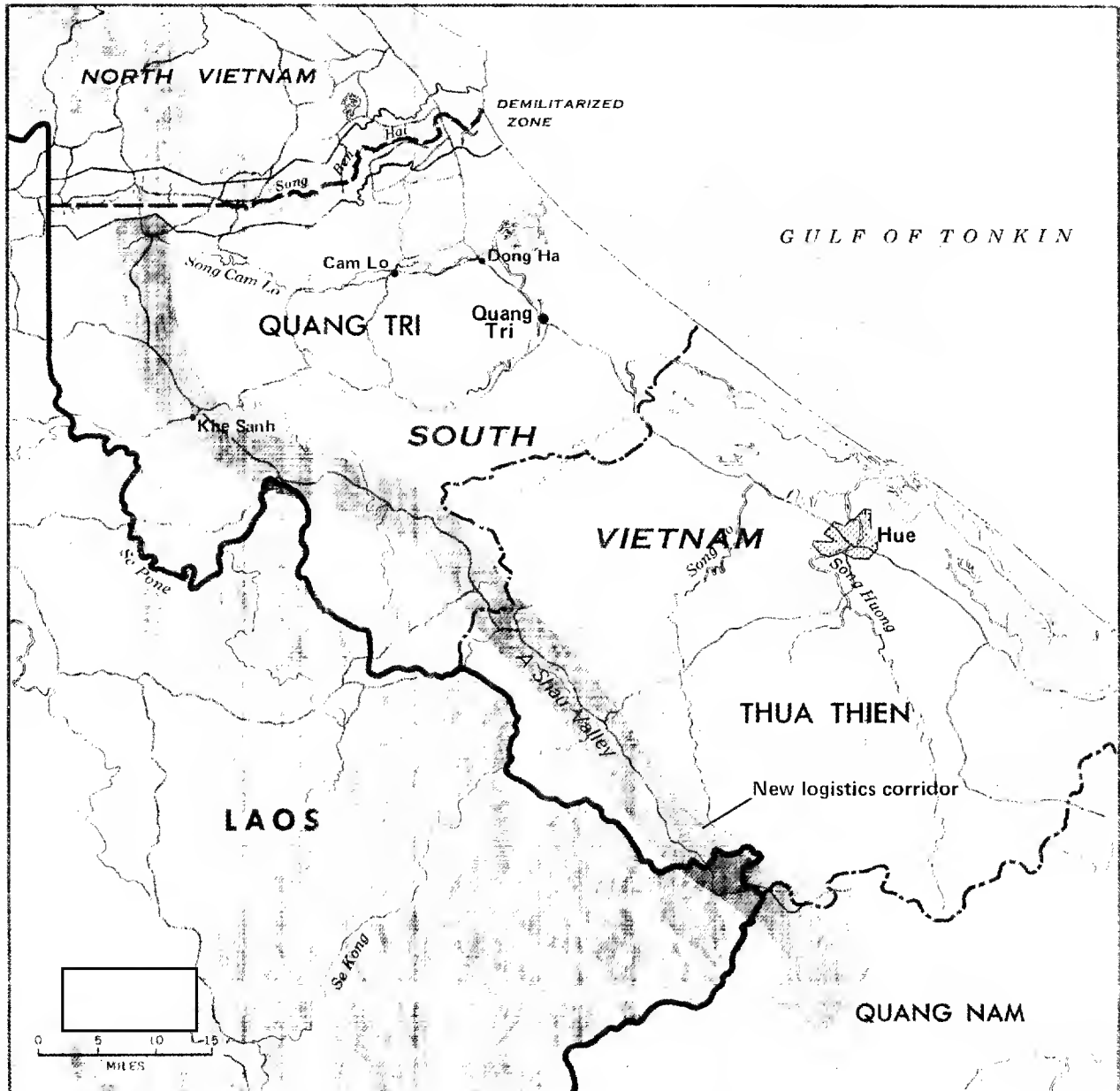
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VIETNAM: Troop infiltration to northern South Vietnam has continued at a moderately heavy rate for several weeks.

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The troops probably are destined for Thua Thien Province. The Communists have built a massive supply depot in the A Chau Valley and are constructing a new logistics corridor through the western part of the province. Hanoi may have concluded that its forces were inadequate to protect this area from a South Vietnamese incursion. The fresh troops will significantly bolster Communist strength in this sector and will enhance the enemy's capability for mounting attacks against government positions.

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CAMBODIA: Phnom Penh is making some initial preparations for possible dealings with Sihanouk and the Khmer Communists.

In a bid to improve the atmosphere for negotiations, the government on 30 May released some 30 political prisoners held since the bombing attempt on Lon Nol's residence this past March. Most of those released were members of the royal family, including several of Sihanouk's close relatives. Early next week, the ruling High Political Council reportedly plans to release a larger group of political prisoners--numbering several hundred--that includes persons arrested in the wake of Sihanouk's ouster in 1970.

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[redacted] In the past week, Sihanouk and several of his "ministers" have reiterated that the fighting in Cambodia will continue and that there will never be any negotiations with the "traitorous clique" in Phnom Penh, which includes all members of the council. They have also emphasized that the Cambodian problem must be resolved by the Cambodians, a line that Hanoi has echoed. But at the same time, Sihanouk has also continued to express willingness to negotiate directly with the US.

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UK: The Labor Party's national executive committee has approved a proposal that the next Labor government nationalize 25 of Britain's leading manufacturers. This is a major setback for the moderates who hoped to approach the next general election committed to a pragmatic, non-doctrinaire campaign platform. [REDACTED]

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Canada: Energy Minister MacDonald has announced that export controls will be imposed on gasoline, if necessary, to keep a sufficient supply in Canada. Almost all Canadian petroleum exports go to the US. [REDACTED]

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Cuba-Mexico: Cuba and Mexico have reached agreement on the terms of a hijacking treaty. Negotiations between Venezuela and Cuba on a hijacking treaty will begin shortly. [REDACTED]

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International Oil: Western oil companies and members of OPEC agreed yesterday on an increase in oil revenues to offset losses caused by the dollar devaluation. [REDACTED]

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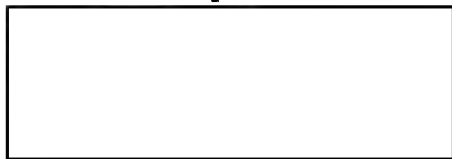
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